

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-137 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1-4, 11-15, 35, 38-43, 50-52, 54-59, 74, 81-84, 86-93 and 96-137 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 5-10, 16-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 60-73, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 are currently pending in this application.

The examiner's indication that claims 19-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 60-73, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 are allowed is noted with appreciation.

Only claims 5, 6 and 16-18 remain rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,283,209 to Keller. This reference does describe a multi-layered wall chamber expanded in a water well. Specifically, in FIGS. 4A & B, an outer layer or shell 10 is expanded in the well, with additional layers or shells 60, 61 later expanded in the outer shell.

Please note that claims 5 and 17 have been amended above to recite that the inner shell is increasingly received within the outer shell after the outer shell is expanded in the well. This feature is not described or suggested by the Keller reference, and so these claims and their dependent are not anticipated by Keller. Therefore, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 5, 17 and 18.

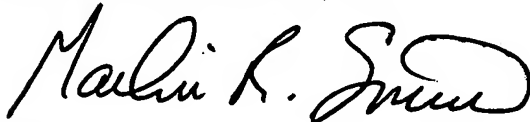
Claim 6 has been amended above to recite that the inner shell is expanded within and outwardly toward the outer shell. Claim 16 has been amended to recite that each of the inner and outer shells extends completely about the chamber. These features are also not described or suggested by the Keller reference. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 6 and 16.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 5-10, 16-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 60-73, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

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